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**Question # 1:** In reference to NASA solicitation number AE1-09, Architectural Engineering Services for the Study and Design of a project Titled- Construction Replacement Building 4220, the RFP says that the firm "Must have 10 registered Architects, 2 Interior Designers, 5 Mechanical, 5 Landscape, and 2 Electrical.

**Response #1:** The person asking the question mixes preliminary screening criteria #4 and #5 together. They have quoted it incorrectly and we suspect they do not understand the criteria. We are however, able to discern the intent of their question. (See criteria 4 and 5 for requirements).

**Question # 2:** Do you expect all of these individuals' resumes to be included in the resume section, or is it sufficient to prove we meet the criteria in Part II of the SF330 and only include key members resumes?"

**Response #2:** The method to demonstrate compliance with the project criteria defined in the solicitation is left up to the proposer.

**Question #3:** Where at the Space Flight Center will the project be located?

**Response #3:** The new building will located at the existing building 4200 multi-story office complex.

**Question #4:** Can our design team visit the site? We have landscape architects and planners on staff who

**Response #4:** No, a site visit will not be given.

**Question #5:** Will the project be a "core & shell" design only, or will interior design and space planning be required?

**Response #5:** Preliminary screening criteria #4 requires interior designers.

**Question #6:** How many stories do you envision the building being (i.e. - one story or a multi-story building)

**Response #6:** The new building will located at the existing building 4200 multi-story office complex.

**Question #7:** Is there a preferred image for the building?

**Response #7:** The new building will located at the existing building 4200 multi-story office complex.

**Question #8:** Who will the users of the building be?

**Response #8:** NASA Facilities personnel will represent the users.

**Question #9:** Will the users be part of the selection and design process?

**Response #9:** Yes, see response #8.

**Question #10:** What is a time frame for the design and construction of the project? (i.e. - will it start soon? will it be fast-track?, is there an important move-in date that must be met?, . . )

**Response #10:** Construction is expected to begin in early 2011.

**Question #11:** Do the sub-consultants need to be within a 400 mile radius of Huntsville, AL or does that only apply to the prime firm?

**Response #11:** The synopsis states the requirement.

**Question#12:** Is this solicitation only open to small businesses?

**Response #12:** This competition is full and open.

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**Question #13:** Can the required number of civil engineers, structural engineers, mechanical engineers, landscape architects and electrical engineers be located at a consultant(s) or subcontractor(s) office?

**Response #13:** Yes

**Question #14:** Or do they need to be located at the same office as the firm or J/V submitting the proposal as prime?

**Response #14:** No

**Question #15:** In reference to the preliminary screening criteria # (5), it indicates that the “minimum number of registered, licensed professionals” for Landscape Architects is two and the professionals can be from “subcontractors’ personnel.” Can I assume that I can meet the 2 minimum registered, licensed professionals Landscape Architects from TWO different Landscape subcontractors’ personnel (Two Firms)?

**Response #15:** Yes.

**Question #16:** In the synopsis, there is a list of evaluation items following the text “A/E firms will be evaluated during the selection process based on the following factors” and a list of items following the text “The following Additional Information shall be addressed in the Standard Form 330.” Some of these items overlap (such as NASA contracts, firm’s capacity), how would you like us to respond to these in our submittal. Do you want all of these responses in Section H.?

**Response #16:** The instructions for this section state “Use this section to provide additional information specifically requested by the agency or to address selection criteria that are not covered by the information provided in Sections A-G.” If the proposer deems that this section overlaps information provided in previous section, then they may opt to leave it blank.

**Question #17:** Will there be either a pre-proposal meeting or site visit accommodation prior to the April 20, 2009 submittal date?

**Response #17:** No.

**Question #18:** Please provide list of Huntsville area Civil Engineering entities that have worked on the Marshall Space Flight Center campus on similarly scaled projects over the last ten years.

**Response #18:** Marshall Space Flight Center, as a matter of practice, does not provide this type information.

**Question #19:** Will NASA continue its current practice of allowing A/E firms to use AutoCAD and/or Revit software if the A/E firms agree to translate the drawings into the NASA drawings standards in files that can be opened and used in Bentley software?

**Response #19:** Based on previous experience, the translation from Revit to Bentley is a two step process, 1. from Revit (a BIM/Autodesk Product) to AutoCad (an Autodesk Product) and, 2. from Autocad to Bentley Microstation V8. Marshall Space Flight Center requires that the product be delivered in the Bentley Microstation v8 format. The proposer may elect to use the Revit product for the design, with the understanding that they will be responsible to provide the complete translation of the files to the proper file format and he assumes all the risks and costs of using the Revit product and the translation issues that may arise, including delay of the construction if the translation is not completely successful.

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**Question #20:** We would like to know if it would be possible for our clients who are completing Past Performance reviews to email them to you directly or if they must be mailed to the address listed. If our clients are allowed to email them, could you please confirm an email address where they may be sent?

**Response #20:** They must be mailed to the address listed and received no later than April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**STATEMENT:** It should be noted that an audit will be performed by the Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA) of the successful proposal and that the offeror is required to have an approved accounting system.